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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF PRESS CREDENTIALS OF ALEJANDRO KOFFMAN

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, NEWSWEEK STRINGER ALEJANDRO KOFFMAN, A CHILEAN, HAS HAD HIS PRESS CREDENTIALS AS A CORRESPONDENT FOR FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS REVOKED BY THE GOC. THE REASONS GIVEN ARE "PREJUDICE" AND "DISTORTION," WHICH THE GOC SAYS IT HAS OBSERVED FOR SOME TIME IN HIS REPORTING. KOFFMAN, ACCORDING TO THIS MORNING'S LA TERCERA, HAS CHARACTERIZED THE GOC'S ACTION AS "UNJUSTIFIED AND PAINFUL."

2. COMMENT: LAST WEEK, NEWSWEEK REQUESTED KOFFMAN TO PRODUCE MATERIAL ON U.S. ARMS SALES TO CHILE AND HE REQUESTED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "MILITARY OFFICER" OF THE EMBASSY. WHEN HE WAS TURNED DOWN AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT NEWSWEEK WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE GOC OR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION, HE COMPLAINED THAT HE COULDNT GET ANYWHERE WITH THE GOC. LATER, ANOTHER FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TOLD THE AIO THAT KOFFMAN HAD HAD "A VERY ROUGH TIME" WHEN HE APPROACHED GOC SOURCES FOR INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT. THIS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE PRECIPITATING FACTOR IN THE GOC'S REVOCATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS.

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